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THEORETICAL STUDIES OF HADRONS AND NUCLEI

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INTRODUCTION

This report details final research results obtained during the 9 year period from June 1, 1997 through July 15, 2006. The research project, entitled "**Theoretical Studies of Hadrons and Nuclei**", was supported by grant DE-FG02-97ER41048 between North Carolina State University [NCSU] and the U. S. Department of Energy [DOE]. In compliance with grant requirements the Principal Investigator [PI], Professor Stephen R. Cotanch, conducted a theoretical research program investigating hadrons and nuclei and devoted to this program 50% of his time during the academic year and 100% of his time in the summer. Highlights of new, significant research results are briefly summarized in the following three sections corresponding to the respective sub-programs of this project. Recent progress is also discussed in a recent renewal/supplemental grant proposal submitted to DOE. Finally, full detailed descriptions of completed work can be found in the publications listed at the end of this report.

A. Hadron Structure

1. Many-Body Effective Hamiltonian Approach

The focus of this project is the study of the the quark and gluon structure of hadrons, especially exotic systems (non qqq or $q\bar{q}$ components). The long term goal is to obtain a complete description of hadrons from fundamental Quantum Chromodynamics [QCD] and to obtain a dynamic understanding of color confinement. Before detailing significant results it is appropriate to provide a brief synopsis of this project and related sub-projects.

This program approaches hadron structure from a nuclear physics many-body perspective and approximately diagonalizes an effective QCD Hamiltonian. There are two sub-programs; 1) obtain from the exact QCH Hamiltonian, H , an effective Hamiltonian, H_{eff} , that describes color confinement; 2) use many-body techniques and large-scale computations to diagonalize H_{eff} for the hadron states including the ground state (QCD vacuum). We have specifically chosen the Coulomb gauge since it is amendable to a Hamiltonian formulation and also is rigorously renormalizable in this gauge. Further, and as detailed by Zwanziger, formulation in this gauge is free from the Gribov problem. A few years ago, using the similarity transformation technique of Glazek and Wilson, we were able to renormalize our Hamiltonian perturbatively to remove sensitivity to the regularization (truncation) schemes that were necessary to obtain a calculable Hamiltonian [4, 7]. We also applied flow equations, which are a series of continuous similarity transformations, to obtain a H_{eff} [13, 15]. We initially used a linear confining potential with slope predetermined from lattice simulations for the energy of heavy static quarks as a function of distance. More recently, we have used an improved, self-consistent effective confining interaction. For a given H_{eff} we then use many-body techniques to approximately diagonalize for the ground

state (QCD model vacuum) and hadron states having quantum numbers J^{PC} . For the ground state vacuum we employed the Bardeen, Cooper and Schreiffer [BCS] variational approach in which the free (current) quarks and (zero mass) gluons are transformed into dressed quasiparticles by first performing a similarity transformation (BCS rotation) of the Fock operators and then finding the rotation (gap) angle by minimizing the ground state energy with respect to this variational parameter. This yields the quark and gluon gap equations (formally equivalent to the Dyson-Schwinger propagator equation in the rainbow approximation). The quasiparticles acquire constituent masses, roughly 100 and 250 MeV for the u/d and s quarks, respectively, and 800 MeV for the dressed gluon. Further, the respective quark and gluon condensates (Cooper pairs) are $-(100 \text{ MeV})^3$ and $(433 \text{ MeV})^4$. With this quasiparticle basis H_{eff} is then diagonalized for the hadron states using the Tamm-Dancoff approximation [TDA] truncated at the 1 parton, 1 anti-parton level [26]. For comparison we also diagonalized using the random phase approximation [RPA] because it conserves chiral symmetry, unlike the TDA [11]. The RPA is formally equivalent to the Bethe-Salpeter equation using an instantaneous kernel. Strengths of this approach are that H_{eff} has only a few (1 or 2) dynamical parameters, in contrast to typical quark models, and contains the same symmetries and parton (quark, gluon) field structure as H . Equally significant, it provides a unifying framework for both quarks and gluons with controllable approximations. Our first application reproduced the lattice glueball spectra and subsequently we correctly predicted the observed meson spectra as well as glueball and hybrid meson (a three-body quark, antiquark and constituent gluon) masses in good agreement with lattice gauge calculations.

2. Application in the Gluon Sector

We, with F. Llanes-Estrada (PI's former student now tenured at the Univ. Complutense in Madrid) and P. Bicudro (Instituto Superior Tecnico in Lisbon), obtained significant new results in our application of H_{eff} to the gluon sector to study glueballs. As detailed further in our key publication [48], we performed a large scale BCS/TDA variational relativistic three-body calculation for the $|ggg\rangle$ glueball spectrum. We specifically wished to investigate the odd J^{--} states (oddballs) to determine if there were Regge trajectories, document the odderon, and also determine the intercept. Table I lists our predicted masses and compares to other approaches, especially lattice.

To provide insight and document theoretical model uncertainty, we also calculated the same glueball states with a simpler nonrelativistic constituent gluon potential model having several model parameters. Using Jacobi coordinates and a large harmonic oscillator expansion, we exactly diagonalized this simpler Hamiltonian. The model parameters were taken from previous quark studies (used the $q\bar{q}$ funnel potential) and, only adjusting the spin-spin potential strength to optimize comparison with lattice J^{++} states, obtained the even signature Regge trajectory, $\alpha_P^M(t) = 0.23t + 1.0$, which is consistent with the pomeron and also our trajectory using the

TABLE I: Glueball quantum numbers and masses in MeV.

Model	J^{PC}	0^{-+}	1^{--}	2^{--}	3^{--}	5^{--}	7^{--}
our work	color	f	d	d	d	d	d
	S	0	1	2	3	3	3
	L	0	0	0	0	2	4
H_{eff}		3900	3950	4150	4150	5050	5900
H_M		3400	3490	3660	3920	5150	6140
lattice (Morningstar/Peardon)		3640	3850	3930	4130		
lattice (Meyer/Teper)		3250	3100	3550	4150		
Wilson loops (Simonov)		3770	3490	3710	4030		

more sophisticated H_{eff} approach. The $|ggg\rangle$ glueball states predicted by this model (H_M) are also listed in the table. The difference between approaches is an overall indication of theoretical uncertainty which is at the 10 to 15% level. Both of our model calculations yielded an odderon, $\alpha_O^{\text{eff}}(t) = 0.23t - 0.880$ and $\alpha_O^M(t) = 0.18t + 0.25$, having slopes similar to the pomeron but much lower intercepts, even below the ω meson intercept value of 0.5. All results are pictorially summarized in Fig. 1. This is one of our important findings and indicates that it will not be possible to observe the odderon in high energy scattering processes in which the pomeron contributes since the cross section scales as $s^{1-\alpha(0)}$ and is dominated by the trajectory with the largest intercept. It may be possible to still observe the odderon in reactions having C parity = - 1 exchange where the pomeron is not present.

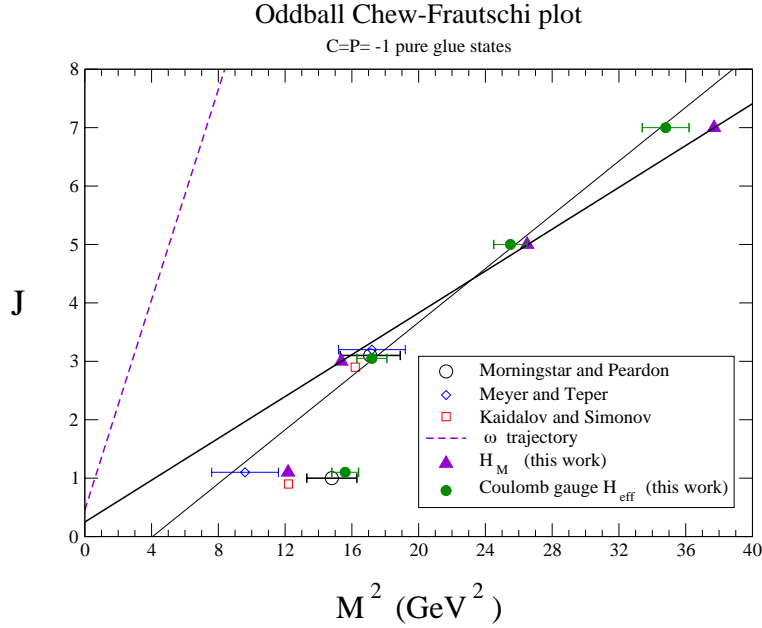


FIG. 1: Odderon trajectory from three-gluon spectroscopy and lattice compared to the ω meson Regge trajectory.

3. Application in the Quark Sector

In our project involving H_{eff} applications to the quark sector, several papers [11, 26, 39, 40, 42] were published detailing significant, new findings. We have utilized a confining interaction that was determined self-consistently from our model QCD vacuum and also included a hyperfine interaction that was an effective vector-vector potential with generic form following from QCD. The hyperfine interaction significantly increased both the quark constituent mass and condensate yielding improved results for each and, for the first time, simultaneously described the small, ≈ 100 MeV, J/ψ spin splitting and very large π - ρ mass difference with a simple interaction. Table II summarizes our predictions for the light and heavy pseudoscalar and vector meson spectra. We have also predicted the vector meson leptonic decay widths, $\Gamma_{V \rightarrow e^+e^-}$, using the same H_{eff} as shown in the table. The predicted masses are in reasonable agreement especially since no fit was attempted (dynamic parameters and quark masses were not fine-tuned). For comparison, two other theoretical calculations are also presented. It is noteworthy that our few parameter approach provides a description which is comparable to these multi-parameter models.

In typical quark model formulations, a complicated multi-parameter hyperfine interaction is used to reproduce the the π - ρ mass differ, however applying the same interaction to excited π - ρ states, as well as to J/ψ spin splittings, produces unphysically large mass differences. This is because chiral symmetry is generally not incorporated which our RPA approach does (produces a small pion mass, Goldstone boson). By comparing with our TDA π - ρ result, which does not

TABLE II: Observed and predicted vector meson masses and widths compared to other calculations marked ¹ (Godfrey and Isgur S - D wave results without mixing) and ² (Ebert, Faustov and Galkin).

State	Exp. $M(\text{MeV})$	Calculated	Exp. $\Gamma_{e^+e^-}(\text{keV})$	Calculated	Other works
ρ	770	795	6.85	4.7	6.87 ¹
ω	782	795	0.60(2)	0.50	0.85 ¹
ϕ	1019	1005	1.26(2)	1.1	2.75 ¹
ω	1420	1420	0.1(1) [†]	0.18	0.046 ¹
ρ	1450(25)	1420	-	1.5	0.45 ¹
ω	1650(25)	1620	-	0.23	0.013 ¹
ϕ	1680(25)	1670	0.5(10) [†]	0.21	0.27 ¹
ρ	1700	1520	3.5(5) [†]	2.0	0.14 ¹
ϕ	-	1790	-	0.45-0.55	0.06 ¹
J/ψ	3097	3130	5.2(1)	3.8	9.9 ¹ , 5.4 ²
ψ	3686	3681	2.2(2)	2.0	3.3 ¹ , 2.4 ²
ψ	3770	3695	0.26(4)	0.68	0.10 ¹
ψ	4040	4140	0.75(15)	1.7	1.8 ¹
ψ	4160(20)	4150	0.77(23)	0.56	
ψ	4415(6)	4535	0.47(10)	0.26	
Υ	9460	9460	1.32(5)	0.45	1.4 ¹ , 1.3 ²
Υ	10023	9870	0.52(3)	0.35	0.65 ¹ , 0.5 ²
Υ	10365	9921	0.5(1) [‡]	0.0003	0.45 ¹
Υ	10580	10190	0.32(3) [§]	0.29	0.34 ¹

[†]our estimate [‡] $\mu^+\mu^-$ width (roughly equal) [§] recently reported by BaBar

preserve chiral symmetry, we determined that the hyperfine interaction is only responsible for about 30% of the large 610 MeV π - ρ mass difference. Thus, chiral symmetry dominates and is responsible for the remaining difference. In addition to the hyperfine interaction we have also included D orbital waves in the ρ wavefunction which leads to coupled equations with S waves since our relativistic formulation naturally generates a tensor interaction. For the TDA there are two coupled equations while for the RPA, which already entails coupled X and Y functions, there are now four. The resulting equations are also nonlocal and are solved in momentum space. The D wave effect is not large but does slightly improve the meson description.

Other research highlights were calculating the J reliability parameter used in lattice gauge simulations and predicting the mass of the η_b , which is still unconfirmed, to be about 9400 MeV which will assist B factory searches. Finally we also calculated the mass for the only missing vector meson below 2 GeV, $\phi(1880)$, to be 1790 MeV consistent with multi-parameter quark models. Because this is the only missing hadron below 2 GeV with $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$, our specific signature results will aid searches for ortho baryonium (same quantum numbers) in this mass region which have been motivated by the para ($J = 0$) baryonium interpretation of recent BES narrow resonance data near the $e^-e^+ \rightarrow p\bar{p}$ threshold.

4. Application in the Combined Quark and Gluon Sector

There has also been progress in the combined quark and gluon sector project investigating hybrid mesons $|q\bar{q}g\rangle$. These are nonconventional hadrons that can have exotic quantum numbers not possible in $q\bar{q}$ systems. With I. General (PI's graduate student supported by the grant) we have included the hyperfine interaction, discussed above, in our existing code that previously calculated the lightest exotic 1^{-+} hybrid to have mass above 2 GeV. Our motivation is to determine if the hyperfine interaction will alter that result since the two observed 1^{-+} states by the E852 collaboration were reported to have masses at 1.4 and 1.6 GeV and were considered hybrid candidates. Our previous published hybrid calculation [14, 17], which agreed with both lattice and flux tube models, predicted a mass near but above 2 GeV and suggested the observed states were more likely 4 quark states $|q\bar{q}q\bar{q}\rangle$ which also can have exotic quantum numbers. We have finished a computationally intensive Monte Carlo calculation and published [50, 51] results summarized below. This is part of General's PhD dissertation which he has completed and has now graduated (currently a postdoc at University of Pittsburgh).

We extended our previous hybrid study [14, 17] by including a new Hamiltonian term containing the $\mathbf{J}^a \cdot \mathbf{A}^a$ operators. Following our quark paper [39], an effective quark hyperfine interaction with a $\mathbf{J}^a \cdot \mathbf{J}^a$ form is obtained using perturbation theory to second order in g and integrating over the gluonic degrees of freedom. This contribution to the hybrid mass is represented by the $q\bar{q}$ gluon exchange Feynman diagrams in Fig. ?? (first two in the bottom row). The non-abelian magnetic field terms are also included which entail triple-gluon vertices (last two diagrams). The remaining

Figure 1 consists of four plots showing the mass spectrum M (GeV) versus the quark content of the mesons. The plots are for $u\bar{u}g$ ($I=0$), $u\bar{u}g$ ($I=1$), $s\bar{s}g$, and $c\bar{c}g$. Each plot shows the mass of various mesons, including exotic states. The y-axis represents mass M in GeV. The x-axis represents the quark content. The plots show the mass of various mesons, including exotic states.

FIG. 3: Low lying $u\bar{u}q$, $s\bar{s}q$ and $c\bar{c}q$ spectra.

B. Probing Hadrons and Hadron Systems Electromagnetically

This more phenomenological sub-program combines elements from QCD, QHD [Quantum Hadrodynamics], Regge theory and vector meson dominance [VMD] to analyze electromagnetic processes measured at GeV electron facilities, especially JLab. The goals are multifaceted and include searching for exotic hadron states (glueball photoproduction and decay), the nucleon strangeness content and meson electromagnetic production.

1. Glueball Photoproduction and Decay

New results have been obtained in this project with R. Williams (former PI student) which focuses on the important issue of observing glueballs. Two key papers have been published [44, 46] documenting the feasibility of detecting glueballs using the photoproduction process $p(\gamma, G)p$. The first paper [44] focused upon scalar, 0^{++} , glueball (G_0) photoproduction and decay and utilized the glueball-pomeron hypothesis to obtain the glueball hadronic coupling constant. The second paper [46] addressed tensor, 2^{++} , glueball (G_2) photoproduction and decay and reported a potentially useful decay profile for identifying glueballs. Using VMD and the flavor independence of gluon-quark coupling, the hadronic $G \rightarrow VV'$ and radiative $G \rightarrow V\gamma$ widths were predicted for the vector mesons $V = \rho, \omega$ and ϕ . The hadronic VV' decays are comparable for different vector meson channels with the $\omega\phi$ width the largest. However, the radiative $\omega\gamma$ and $\phi\gamma$ decays are suppressed relative to $\rho\gamma$ by over a factor of 2 which is distinct from typical meson branching rates. This novel $\omega\phi \rightarrow 3\pi K\bar{K}$ branch, in conjunction with suppressed $\omega\gamma, \phi\gamma$ transitions relative to $\rho\gamma$, may be a useful glueball detection signature.

The tensor and scalar photoproduction cross sections are displayed in Fig. 5 which depicts the lab energy dependence for the forward cm angle $\theta_{cm} = 0^\circ$. While the scalar glueball cross section is somewhat larger, it is significant that the magnitude of both cross sections is sufficient to expect reasonable count rates. Indeed, measurements of this process, including vector meson decays, would appear feasible for the envisioned Hall D project at Jefferson Lab.

The photon transverse asymmetry observables, $A_{\gamma\perp}$, were also calculated and are displayed in Fig. 5 versus the cm angle. The scalar glueball asymmetry is greater than the tensor and both are large and increase with energy. This work relates to JLab activities, especially the CEBAF energy upgrade and Hall D spectrometer.

2. Compton Scattering and Nucleon Strangeness

This project investigates both time-like [TVCS] and space-like virtual Compton scattering [SVCS]. Each is separately described.

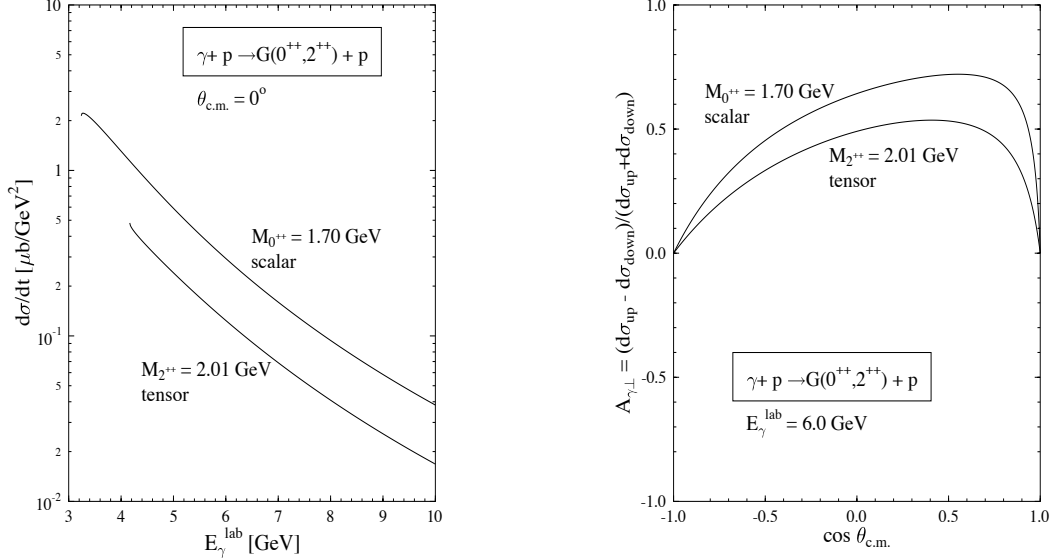


FIG. 4: Predicted scalar and tensor glueball cross sections and asymmetries.

The TVCS study focuses on the nucleon strangeness using the reaction, $N(\gamma, e^+e^-)N$. We have previously demonstrated through QHD calculations and extended VMD that measurements of this process will provide new information about the nucleon electromagnetic form factors in the still unmeasured $q^2 \leq 4M_N^2$ time-like region which is kinematically inaccessible using two-body final state reactions. In several publications [1, 5, 24], we predicted dramatic, several-order of magnitude narrow resonances from vector meson contributions. Including ϕNN coupling in the nucleon form factor yields a unique dual peak experimental cross section signature for assessing possible OZI suppression or evasion and the related strangeness content of the nucleon. We developed a high t theorem asserting that cross section ratios for the resonant peaks corresponding to ϕ and ω scales as the ratio of coupling constants squared, g_ϕ^2/g_ω^2 . Our predictions provide a novel signature for measuring OZI violations and the related strangeness content of the nucleon since the coupling $g_{\phi NN}^V$ is directly related to the nucleon vector current matrix element, $\langle N|\bar{s}\gamma_\mu s|N \rangle$. Because the photon has the same quantum numbers as the ϕ meson we have used the same QHD formalism that successfully describes recently measured ϕ photoproduction data. Both of these processes entail t channel pomeron exchange and this relates to our glueball studies.

We also published a paper [45] documenting the relative importance of the intermediate two photon Bethe-Heitler [BH] process, $\gamma p \rightarrow p + \gamma + \gamma^* \rightarrow e^+e^- + p$, which can compete with the one photon time-like virtual Compton process $\gamma p \rightarrow p + \gamma^* \rightarrow e^+e^- + p$. In the BH process the two photons are in a positive C parity state producing 2 leptons also having $C = 1$. This is in

contrast to TVCS involving a single photon and a negative C parity e^+e^- state. By calculating the BH amplitude and measuring the lepton charge asymmetry, $\sigma(e^+e^-) - \sigma(e^-e^+)$, one can experimentally extract the TVCS amplitude since the interference term is odd under C parity or lepton interchange. We (with PI postdoc C. Kao) calculated both processes and documented the appropriate kinematics to optimize this procedure. In general the TVCS process is comparable to the BH except for small t or forward angles where the BH amplitude dominates. This work relates to JLab and we have been collaborating with H. Gao (Duke) regarding future Hall B and the envisioned Hall D measurements.

The SVCS investigation centers on using Heavy Baryon Chiral Perturbation Theory [HBChPT] to calculate the Compton amplitude and obtain the nucleon spin flip generalized polarizabilities [GPs]. Kao (PI's postdoc) is an expert on HBChPT and he calculated the next-to-next leading order $\mathcal{O}(p^4)$ spin-dependent SVCS amplitude. At this order there are no unknown low-energy constants in the theory and the GPs can be predicted without ambiguity. This next order calculation revealed important corrections from previous, lower order results and the GPs are now closer in agreement to phenomenological GPs estimated from dispersion relations. This work also detailed how to extract the spin-flip GPs from both unpolarized SVCS measurements as well as by using double polarization observables and predictions were made for experimental conditions accessible at MAMI.

3. Meson Electromagnetic Production

This project has investigated kaon, pion and ϕ meson electromagnetic production and radiative capture for proton and nuclear targets. Results documented the novel physics associated with the strange quark systems of hyperons, few hyperon systems and hypernuclei. In particular, we assisted searches for possible exotic resonances, furthered the understanding of fundamental s quark production and hyperon-hadron interactions, and studied hypernuclear structure.

The principle motivation for investigating elementary K^+ electromagnetic production and the crossing related K^- radiative capture process is to understand the fundamental reaction mechanism at the quark level and the constituent structure of the participating hadrons. The difficulties with nonperturbative QCD still necessitates the utilization of QHD reaction calculations. Unless the coupling constants are small, simple QHD formulations will generally violate unitarity and are also not renormalizable. This approach enjoys, however, many phenomenological successes and embodies several important features including field theory, gauge and Lorentz invariance, duality (Regge theory) and crossing symmetry. Without additional improvements (some mentioned above), it is a continuing debate whether this approach will determine the hadronic coupling constants, however, it should be adequate for determining electromagnetic vertices and form factors which in turn can be calculated more easily from QCD. We also performed and completed more fundamental meson production calculations within the quark Dyson-Schwinger (DS) formalism

detailed below.

We have applied our unified model [3, 5, 8, 9] for pseudo-scalar meson production and capture to the latest Hall C JLab data for $p(e,eK^+)\Lambda$. The unprecedented high count rate for exclusive $p(e,eK^+)\Lambda$ measurements has permitted extracting the most accurate transverse and longitudinal cross sections to date. Our predictions gave a good description of this data for the sum and separated transverse, σ_T , and longitudinal, σ_L , cross sections with no change in the QHD model parameters that have provided a good χ^2 fit to the previous world data set.

Relating to elementary Λ and Σ production, a paper was published [37] concerning a new constraint relation for the Λ and Σ coupling constants using the generalized Goldberger-Treiman [GT] relation and the Dashen-Weinstein sum rule. This result provided a more stringent criteria for determining the poorly known hyperon coupling constants. We comprehensively examined all published hyperon couplings and applied the constraint to obtain an improved reduced subset consistent with this criteria which spans the intervals $0.80 \leq g_{K\Sigma N}/\sqrt{4\pi} \leq 2.72$ and $-3.76 \leq g_{K\Lambda N}/\sqrt{4\pi} \leq -1.84$. The broken $SU_F(3)$, GT and extrapolated Taylor series couplings are also in this acceptable interval. This constraint will benefit experimentalist studying K scattering and production at hadron and electron beam facilities.

With P. Maris (PI's postdoc) we applied the DS approach to $\pi\pi$ scattering system and from a large-scale, supercomputer based calculation, documented that it is necessary to go beyond the impulse approximation and include all ladder diagrams (gluon exchanges) in the s and t channels to reproduce the known low energy amplitude behavior. In particular we numerically agreed with Weinbergs theorem for the different isospin scattering lengths and at higher energies reproduced the σ and ρ resonances. We also made a consistent comparison to QHD meson exchange models by using the DS calculated parameters (masses, widths, coupling constants) in the QHD amplitudes. We found good agreement and concluded that the QHD models were reasonable. This work was published [22, 25] and presented at several conferences.

We also extended this DS treatment to $\gamma\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi$ and were able to reproduce the fundamental low-energy theorem for the chiral anomaly. Extending our formalisms to the crossing related process $\gamma \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi$, we computed the anomalous form factor shown in Fig. 6.

The asterisk are our full ladder DS calculation which is consistent with chiral symmetry and reproduces the low energy theorem at $s = 0$ (chiral anomaly) and roughly agrees with the limited data which will soon be measured more accurately at Jlab. The other two curves are VMD (dotted) and a modified VMD (dashed) which reproduces the chiral anomaly. The phenomenological masses, widths and coupling constants are used in the VMD for most favorable prediction. If we use the calculated DS parameters in the VMD then both the full DS and VMD form factors agree to high accuracy. The DS is able to reproduce the underlying ρ resonance structure and we concluded that the QHD approach, as in $\pi\pi$ scattering, is reasonable. This work was published in Ref. [33] and in a major invited review [31].

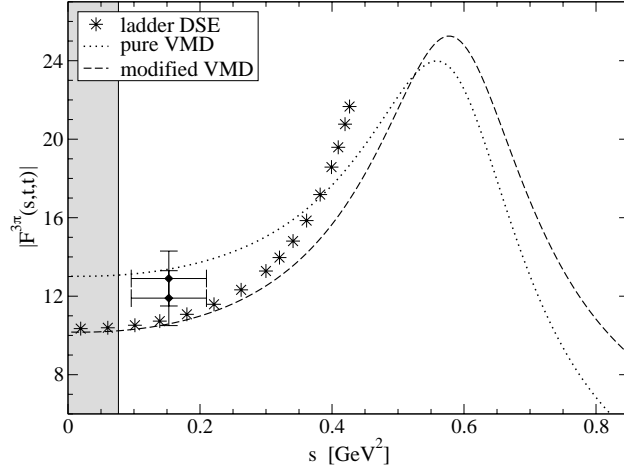


FIG. 5: Comparison of DSE (asterisk), pure VMD (dotted), and modified VMD (dashed) form factors, $F^{3\pi}(s, t, t)$, with data at $Q^2 = 0$. The experimental coupling constants, masses and width are used in both VMD form factors (the shaded region is unphysical).

C. Many-Body Studies

The PI has an established history of activity in many-body physics, particularly for nuclear systems and has published many papers on the continuum shell model approach to nuclear relations, especially photonuclear.

1. Continuum shell model approach to photonuclear reactions

This long term project has utilized large-scale supercomputer based resources to investigate the structure and reaction mechanism for photonuclear reactions on light nuclei by performing continuum shell model calculations for (γ, N) and (p, γ) reactions at low and medium energies spanning the Δ isobar region. The essence is a microscopic formulation in which a realistic many-body Hamiltonian H for the A baryon system is diagonalized in a large Banach space (not Hilbert since the continuum states are not square integrable) spanned by products of continuum single-particle states and self-consistent bound many-body eigenfunctions for the $A-1$ system. The Hamiltonian contains a realistic effective interaction with finite range, spin, isospin, tensor and $N - \Delta$ interaction components. Diagonalizing H in this space generates a large set of coupled inhomogeneous, integro-differential equations in two variables (\mathbf{r} and \mathbf{r}' due to non-localities) to be solved, subject to appropriate scattering boundary conditions, for the unknown partial-wave scattering functions. All non-localities are retained in the radial kernels due to wavefunction antisymmetrization, Pauli blocking and exchange. Delta isobar formation and propagation is explicitly included in the wavefunction by direct coupling to Δ channels through $N - \Delta$ inter-

actions. By including a large number of scattering channels (up to 144) that rigorously account for loss of flux from the elastic channel, the optical potential is computed microscopically. Hence no phenomenological absorption is needed and H remains Hermitian assuring proper wavefunction orthogonality which is especially important in photonuclear reactions. Related, the code rigorously includes unitary and gauge-invariance. The electromagnetic interaction is expanded in multipoles and to achieve convergence for medium energy photons typically requires up to 20 electric and magnetic multipoles. For each energy and multipole we solve N coupled, non-local integro-differential equations which is equivalent to inverting a large supermatrix, with dimension of order 40,000 by 40,000, requiring supercomputer computations. The model is detailed in our paper [6] and the PI has given an invited talk at a continuum shell model workshop in Trento (ECT*). Our code and formalism will be useful for envisioned studies at RIA especially for exotic nuclei that are weakly bound where continuum effects are important.

2. BCS and Attractive Hubbard Model Comparative Study

Related to our QCD hadronic studies using the BCS, this research assessed the accuracy of the BCS for a spin lattice system consisting of 1 and 2 dimensional electrons. A study was performed comparing the BCS approximation to exact diagonalizations of the attractive Hubbard model [AHM] and a reduced model Hamiltonian which produced pairing and described S wave superconductivity. While not involving hadron physics, it is relevant since the methods, techniques and calculational tools are similar to those used in our hadronic structure project. In collaboration with N. Salwen, a NCSU postdoc supported by department funds, and PI graduate student S. Sheets the exact diagonalizations were compared to the BCS in both one and two dimensions. This was the first exact diagonalization of the AHM in two dimensions. The BCS was found to be an excellent approximation for energies and gaps for arbitrary strong potential energies. This provides further support for BCS applications to nonperturbative systems such as our model QCD vacuum described above. Our results also determined the AHM, which is known to not have long-range order in one dimension at zero temperature, does not exhibit a dimensional crossover, or density induced transitions, to long-range order in two dimensions which has been previously conjectured. This work was published in Ref. [36] and provided good training for Sheets who completed his Masters Degree research. Salwen is now a postdoc at Ohio State in the hadronic theory group.

3. Many-Body Methods and Effective Field Theory

More recently, a paper [47] was published using effective field theory [EFT] for a system of neutrons at moderate density appropriate to neutron stars. This, more formal, study was done in collaboration with T. Schaefer and C. Kao. In the framework of pionless nucleon-nucleon effective

field theory, we studied different approximation schemes for the nuclear many body problem and evaluated ladder diagrams constructed from particle-particle, hole-hole, and particle-hole pairs. We focused on the problem of finding a suitable starting point for perturbative calculations near the unitary limit $(k_F a) \rightarrow \infty$ and $(k_F a) \rightarrow 0$, where k_F is the Fermi momentum, a is the scattering length and r is the effective range. We also clarified the relationship between different classes of diagrams and the large g and large D approximations, where g is the fermion degeneracy and D is the number of space time dimensions. In the large D limit we find that the energy per particle in the strongly interacting system is 1/2 the result for free fermions.

SERVICE AND NON-RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

In addition to research, the investigators supported by the grant contributed to the nuclear community in service. In particular, they assisted in conferences and workshops and refereed numerous papers and proposals. More specifically, Cotanch has served on several advisory and program committees with the most recent for the International Conference on Quark and Nuclear Physics (Madrid, June, 2006) and the 5th International Workshop on Chiral Dynamics (Durham, NC, September, 2006). He also has served on review panels and external advisory boards for physics departments in the US with the most recent being New Mexico State University and Florida International University which both have connections to JLab.

The investigators hosted visitors and speakers for the weekly Triangle Nuclear Theory (TNT) seminar program. The TNT seminar series, which is supported by DOE, has completed its sixteenth year and continues to be very successful. The stimulating talks by theorists not only provide an informative forum for educating triangle nuclear physicists but also help foster interactions between both theorists and experimentalists at NCSU, Duke and UNC.

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